

13

3. The mouthwash claimed in claim 2 wherein said weight ratio of water to alcohol is from about 10:1 to about 20:1.

4. The mouthwash claimed in claim 3 wherein said weight ratio is from about 12:1 to about 16:1.

5. The mouthwash claimed in claim 1 wherein said alcohol is ethanol.

6. The mouthwash claimed in any one of claims 1 or 2 to 5 wherein said antibacterial agent is triclosan.

14

7. The mouthwash claimed in any one of claims 1 or 2 to 5 wherein said antibacterial agent is nerolidol.

8. The mouthwash claimed in any one of claims 1 or 2 to 5 wherein an antibacterial enhancing agent containing a delivery group and an organic retention enhancing group is present in amount of about 0.05-7% by weight.

9. The mouthwash claimed in claim 8 where said antibacterial enhancing group is a polycarboxylate.

10. The mouthwash claimed in claim 3 wherein said antibacterial agent is triclosan present in amount of about 0.03% by weight.

* * * * *

15

20

25

30

35

40

45

50

55

60

65